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BY FAX

The Honorable Michael H. Dolinger
United States Magistrate Judge
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007
Facsimile No. : 212-805-7928

Re: *George Hayes et al. v. City of New York et al.*, 07 CV 6387 (PKC)

Your Honor:

I represent the plaintiffs in the above-referenced civil rights action. This letter is written to advise the Court of the status of the parties' settlement negotiations.

Early last week, we tendered a counter-demand to the defendants, and heard back from them today with a counter offer. I am taking steps to convey the offer to my clients, and hope to get back to defense counsel in the next day or so.

The parties appreciate the Court's assistance, and seek the Court's guidance as to how best to proceed. One possibility is that we can get back to Ms. Evans, and if there is a gap, perhaps the Court can assist the parties in finalizing an agreement upon notification that a continued conference would be helpful.

I also note that in terms of discovery Judge Castel recently extended discovery to April 18, 2008.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: ACC Sarah Evans